

to the betterment of communities around the world. As a result, Rotary is the largest private sector contributor to the global polio eradication campaign.

Rotary is an exemplary professional, social and civic club. Its goals and ideals are noteworthy, compassionate, and are ones deserving of emulation. The members of the Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn have worked hard for the past 75 years to uphold the motto of the Club's founder and continue to work to meet the needs of the communities in Chester County, their Rotary District, nation and the world. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn for its tremendous contributions to the individuals, organizations, and communities they have benefited for 75 years and to wish the Club's members continued success and good fortune in meeting Rotary's mission to serve others above themselves.

IN RECOGNITION OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY'S "WAR ON HUNGER" CAMPAIGN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a group of students and faculty at Auburn University who are waging an important campaign to fight world hunger.

Known as the War on Hunger campaign, this groundbreaking initiative partners Auburn University with the United Nations World Food Programme, a first for any university worldwide.

Over the next several years this campaign will continue to develop a framework for addressing the problem of world hunger. Plans include developing an agenda that increases hunger awareness, and creating new academic initiatives at the university. Local organizers also hope to use their efforts to influence policymakers at all levels of government with regard to hunger initiatives.

Auburn University students will continue to work together, Mr. Speaker, and participate in several planned activities to help carry out their campaign, including holding benefit concerts and hosting a symposium on world hunger. Students will work to enlist the support of the Auburn community, and also sponsor a film series on world hunger and sustainability. In the true spirit of the Auburn Creed, this initiative aspires to feed Auburn students' minds and hearts with a sense of social responsibility and human well-being.

Ultimately, Auburn's goal is to develop and implement a War on Hunger model that can be replicated by other universities across the nation and around the world. On this important day, I salute the students and faculty of Auburn University for addressing this challenge, and applaud their efforts in helping end hunger around the globe.

TRIBUTE TO JUNE PICETTI SHEPPARD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize June Picetti Sheppard, who has been named the City of Sonoma's 2005 Alcaldesa, or Honorary Mayor.

Ms. Sheppard earned this honor from her community for a lifetime of volunteer work. She is a practitioner of the "little things" that can make such a difference in someone's day-to-day life. An avid early morning walker, this dynamic 88-year-old picks up newspapers at homes along her route when it is raining and places them on her neighbor's porches, just to help folks out. She is also well known around town for her trademark flower cups, or "Tussy Mussies," that she distributes when the mood strikes her, and the mood strikes often.

Ms. Sheppard has been a long-time volunteer with Friends In Sonoma Helping (FISH), which provides food and clothing for the disadvantaged. She helps gather surplus food from local markets and bakeries for the FISH clients and for community groups such as the Senior Center and Boys and Girls Club.

She also volunteers as a docent with the Sonoma League for Historic Preservation, providing tours of vintage homes in the community.

As Alcaldesa, Ms. Sheppard will preside over all ceremonial events in the town, from parades to grand openings to meetings. Since 1975, the City of Sonoma has bestowed the honor of Alcaldesa/Alcaldesa on a local resident or couple who demonstrates outstanding community service.

Mr. Speaker, June Picetti Sheppard's dedication to her community follows this tradition and it is therefore appropriate that we recognize her at this time as the 2005 Alcaldesa for the City of Sonoma.

RETIREMENT OF JAMES STEDMAN, CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge the long years of service which James Stedman has provided to the Congress. "Jim" as he is better known to his friends and colleagues retired this month after 31 years at the Congressional Research Service (CRS). His dedication, determination and spirit will be sorely missed. I know that I have relied on Jim on numerous occasions in the past and he has certainly made me a more effective legislator.

James Stedman began his career at the Congressional Research Service as an education policy analyst in 1973, after earning a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and a master's degree from Harvard University, both in history. Upon joining CRS, he reached the status of Specialist in Social Legislation in a very short period of time. From the beginning of his career, and continuing for

over 30 years, Jim has expertly supported Congressional work on education related legislation. Jim's most important contribution however has been his effective and unselfish mentoring of the next generation of CRS education analysts.

Jim has for decades been a nationally recognized expert on numerous major aspects of Federal education policy. One such area is elementary-secondary school reform. Jim has shown a boundless understanding of the complexities of standards-based reform, school choice (a topic on which he prepared pioneering policy analyses), and Federal programs to support the recruitment, development, and retention of elementary-secondary school teachers. Jim also excelled in his knowledge of Federal efforts to improve mathematics and sciences education; and all aspects of Federal policy to provide financial assistance to postsecondary students from low- to moderate-income families, including grant, loan, and tax-based programs.

Throughout his career, Jim has not only been exceptionally productive, but also innovative. He has provided ground-breaking analyses that have been especially useful to the Congress in its consideration of how best to provide financial aid for college bound students, through loans, grant, or tax-based methods. Jim has also undertaken pioneering work of broad significance on the process used to determine the amount of aid a college student receives, commonly referred to as "needs analysis." Jim was also the leading CRS analyst supporting congressional legislation and other activities in response to the Reagan administration's "A Nation at Risk" and the Clinton administration's "Goals 2000 initiatives."

In more recent years, Jim's work has been primarily devoted to providing strong leadership to teams of CRS staff assisting with higher education legislation during the 105th and 108th Congresses. He has coordinated a vast number of projects in support of committee deliberations on higher education legislation, serving as the primary liaison between the CRS higher education analysts and authorizing committee members and staff. Jim has also unselfishly devoted a great deal of time and effort to helping the relatively new CRS analysts to build expertise in legislation, relevant issues, and sources for data analysis.

Jim's contributions will be sorely missed. The leadership and knowledge he provided for over 30 years has greatly benefited the Congress and the American people. Jim's retirement now provides him the time to pursue a second career as a teacher. If he brings the same determination and spirit to teaching that he had for 30 years at CRS, he will be a success. This House should congratulate Jim on his retirement and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SANDRA L. SEENO FOR HER WORK WITH OAKLAND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity